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Kinder Morgan Canada held a full-scale emergency response exercise at the Westridge Marine Terminal in Burnaby. The exercise is the largest drill conducted by Kinder Morgan Canada to date and is part of National Energy Board's Emergency Management Program evaluation, which will be conducted on-site. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Exercise tests oil spill response

KINDER MORGAN

Comes amid scrutiny over Trans Mountain



Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

More than 20 agencies and organizations were part of a full-scale oil spill response exercise — the biggest of its kind — at Kinder Morgan's Westridge Marine Terminal in Burnaby Thursday.

The terminal will serve as the

end-point for the proposed \$5-billion Trans Mountain pipeline expansion, so National Energy Board (NEB) evaluators watched with keen interest to see how crews handled what Kinder Morgan called "a credible worst-case scenario" involving 160 cubic metres of oil leaking from a failed loading arm.

Multiple booms were deployed around the port while crews on land and in the water hustled to clean up the imaginary spill.

Kinder Morgan containment crews were assisted by eight of the 12 vessels in the industry-funded Western Canada Marine Response Corporation stations in Burrard Inlet, as well as respond-

ers from NEB, Transport Canada, the coast guard, and provincial and municipal governments.

"We're looking to make sure that the company can manage the incident as if it were really happening," said NEB spokesperson Darin Barter.

"That's why it's really important to see that they have the full deployment here. We want to see that every eventuality is taken into account, that all the technical and environmental aspects of this exercise are accounted for and dealt with."

While Kinder Morgan conducts about 20 spill exercises a year along its existing Trans Mountain pipeline from Edmon-

ton, this is the largest.

Given the intense scrutiny surrounding the company's planned expansion — which would increase the pipeline's capacity to 890,000 barrels per day from 300,000 and boost tanker traffic from 32 per year to 408 — Barter said the NEB plans to release its review of the exercise publicly by Dec. 29.

He said the national regulator is able to take post-exercise enforcement action if observers spot serious flaws during the drill. During a real incident, disciplinary action would be immediate.

"We want to make sure the company responds quickly, ap-

propriately and fully," Barter said. "If we don't have confidence a company will capably manage this then we have the ability, the legislated ability, to shut it down and take over."

The scope of "worst-case scenario" at Westridge Marine Terminal has been a topic of debate at the NEB's hearings into the proposed expansion.

The City of Vancouver estimates a worst-case spill would expose a million people to toxic fumes, kill 100,000 sea- and shorebirds and cause \$1.2 billion in economic losses, much higher than Kinder Morgan's own modeling.

"For us, we're exercising for

a credible scenario under our emergency plans," said Michael Davies, senior director of marine development at Trans Mountain.

"Not to say a larger spill (more than 160 cubic metres) couldn't happen, but a larger spill starts to become so unlikely as to become impractical for regular practice."

The NEB's hearings into the proposed pipeline project are set to resume in December and it is expected to make a recommendation to cabinet in May.

If approved, Davies said construction on the Trans Mountain expansion could start in late 2016.

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PROPERTY

City wants to recoup its costs for nuisance calls



Emily Jackson
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Vancouver is fed up with paying the bills when police and property inspectors visit problem properties that consistently get nuisance reports for loud parties, disorderly conduct, unkempt yards or dilapidated buildings.

The city wants permission from the province to amend the Vancouver Charter in order to recover costs and impose service fees related to repeated nuisance calls, according to a report to be discussed at council next week.

As it stands, the city can only recover costs for false fire alarms or false burglary alarms.

But if council approves the report, it will ask the province for the power to recover



A couch sits on a lawn in Kitsilano. The City of Vancouver has had enough of paying bills arising from police and inspector's visits to problem properties that generate regular nuisance calls. ERIC DREGGER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

costs from problem buildings. Neighbouring municipalities including Abbotsford, Surrey and New Westminster already have the ability to do so.

There are 1,182 proper-

ties that received more than three excessive nuisance calls in 2014, according to police data. Of these, 160 received more than 11 calls and two properties received more than

100 calls.

All of these properties could be subject to fines under a new system. Fees range based on whether police, fire, city staff and or administration respond

to more than three calls per year.

Abbotsford, Surrey and New Westminster all have the ability to add the fees to the owner's property tax bill.

IN BRIEF

Furlong to speak at local Board of Trade event

John Furlong, the former CEO of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics, is set to break his silence after avoiding the spotlight while fighting a series of legal battles.

Furlong will give the keynote address at a November Vancouver Board of Trade event, his first major address in three years.

Furlong was widely celebrated for the successful Olympics, but his reputation took a hit after journalist Laura Robinson wrote an article alleging he physically abused students at a B.C. school decades ago. The article spurred a series of lawsuits, all of which were all eventually dropped or dismissed.

In a news release, the board of trade stated Furlong will talk about "how resolve, humility and inner belief in the face of life's toughest and, at times, seemingly insurmountable challenges can expose true character and inspire personal success."

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Investigating surge of interest in supernatural



Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

When Paul Kingsbury shadows a group of Vancouver paranormal investigators this Halloween, he'll likely be reciting Hail Marys under his breath.

Although the Simon Fraser University geography professor isn't sure he believes in supernatural phenomena like ghosts and ghouls, he said the possibility of encountering something otherworldly still makes his palms sweat.

"I'm not taking any chances," said Kingsbury, who identified himself as Catholic. "I'm someone who wouldn't meddle in witchcraft or black magic ... so I will be bringing my holy water and rosary beads."

On Friday evening, Kingsbury is accompanying a group of paranormal investigators while they look into reports of mysterious occurrences at a historic site in the Fraser Valley. For client confidentiality reasons, he could not disclose the location or the name of the group of investigators.

"There's a lot of trust that [paranormal investigators] establish with their clients," he said. "Their clients often want to speak to someone who won't think they're crazy if they think



Paul Kingsbury, a geography professor at Simon Fraser University, is going on a ghost hunt this Halloween as part of a research project looking into the growth of paranormal investigation cultures in British Columbia. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

their home is haunted."

It's that trepidation among clients to talk publicly about their ghostly encounters, as well as the willingness of ghost hunters to look into their claims without judgment, that interests Kingsbury.

The researcher recently launched a four-year study investigating the surge of interest in the supernatural, and the growing number of paranormal investigation groups in B.C. and

North America in an effort to shed light on some of the motivations behind these would-be spirit seekers.

"I'm basically hunting UFO, ghost and Big Foot hunters," he said. "The project doesn't seek to approve or disprove paranormal phenomena, but the project takes seriously a surge in the past decade or so of interest in the paranormal."

While his research project has only just begun, Kingsbury said

preliminary findings suggest people become paranormal investigators after encountering "some kind of extraordinary experience" that they are unable to explain through logic or reasoning.

Ghost hunters are often skeptics themselves, he said, and don't necessarily consider a successful investigation to be proof of the existence of something paranormal.

"Sometimes it's giving clos-

ure or peace of mind to their clients," he said. "There's a great deal of altruism and well-meaning motivations behind the investigations. None of them charge money for their services either."

Pointing to the popularity of books and movies like *Twilight*, and TV shows like *The Vampire Diaries*, *True Blood* and *Ghost Hunters*, Kingsbury said he has observed a "real shift" in recent years in public interest of the

WEATHER

Halloween showers

Trick or treaters better have their umbrellas on hand ahead of Halloween weekend. Environment Canada is forecasting rain during the day on Saturday and showers in the evening with a high of 14 C and a low of 10 C.

paranormal.

A decade ago, there were about 250 paranormal investigation groups in the United Kingdom but that number has since grown tenfold to about 2,500, he said.

"It's almost as if the paranormal has gone mainstream and it's no longer counter culture," he said. "It's very much a part of popular culture."

While he hasn't had any paranormal encounters, Kingsbury said his parents have had "profound experiences."

"My dad heard his mother's voice tell him it's going to be OK when, unbeknownst to him, his father died in Ireland that same day," he said. "My mother saw her mother sitting as a ghostly figure on her bed."

For that reason, Kingsbury said he takes the study of paranormal investigators seriously.

"I'm open and have experienced rational thoughts about this stuff," he said. "I think that's good as a researcher not to go in as a complete believer or as a complete skeptic. I'm definitely somewhere in the middle."

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CRIME

Mystery woman accused of causing \$1M in hotel damage

Vancouver police are asking the public to help identify a mystery woman accused of reportedly causing \$1 million in damage to a high-end downtown hotel.

Const. Brian Montague said police are investigating an incident that took place Sept. 30 when someone opened a water pipe at a downtown Vancouver hotel, causing significant damage.

Police would not confirm the location of the incident, but multiple media outlets are reporting that the damage was allegedly caused by a woman turning on a fire hose in a stairwell at the Private Residences at the Rosewood Hotel Georgia.

Crime Stoppers posted a photo of the woman on Twitter on Wednesday.

"Does she look familiar?" the tweet reads. "Believed responsible for a million in damage to Downtown Van hotel."

Montague said police are releasing few details about the incident at this time.

"If we are unable to identify the person of interest in the photo, we will revisit the idea of providing additional information publicly," he said.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact Vancouver police or Crime Stoppers, if they wish to remain anonymous.

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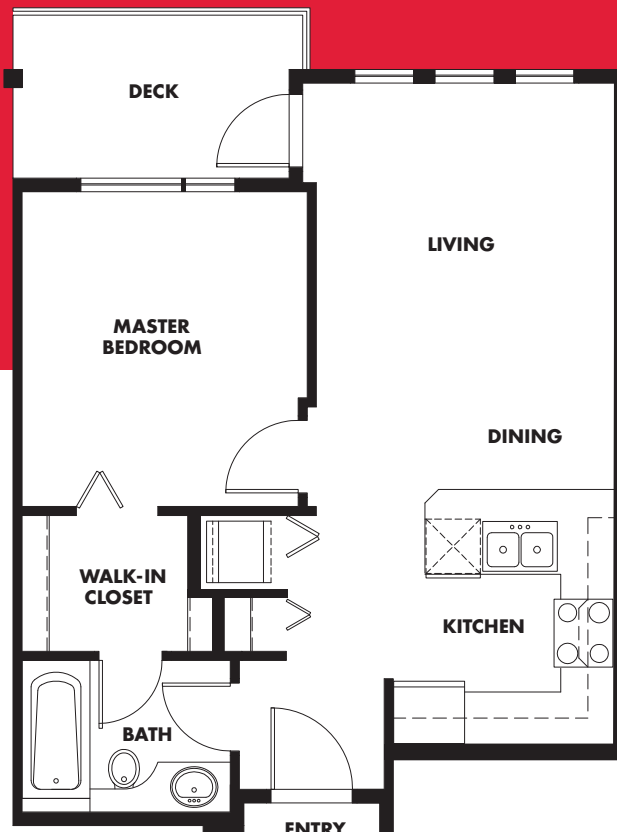
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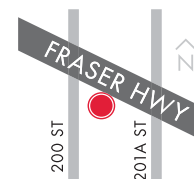
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IN BRIEF**Alberta man dies after boat overturns on fishing trip**

A 31-year-old man from Cold Lake, Alta., has been identified as the person who drowned when a boat overturned near Campbell River, on the east coast of Vancouver Island.

The BC Coroners Service says Christopher Allan was with three others returning to the city from a fishing trip on Saturday when their boat capsized, throwing all four into the water.

The group was rescued shortly afterwards by the RCMP boat, but Allan was unresponsive.

He was transferred to Victoria General Hospital but died there two days later. The coroners' service says it will investigate the death.

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Six months in jail for beating dog with bat

A Victoria-area man who beat a dog with a baseball bat until it could barely walk has been sentenced to six months in jail and banned from owning animals for 10 years.

Joseph White of Colwood was convicted of caus-

ing unnecessary pain and suffering to an animal and failing to provide the necessities of life.

The SPCA's chief prevention officer Marcie Moriarty says the female pit bull mix named Bryn had injuries to her legs, torso, head and teeth and needed months of rehabilitation before it could walk.

Moriarty says the gentle and affectionate dog has been adopted by another family. THE CANADIAN PRESS

B.C. man busted in national child-porn ring gets 90-day sentence

An Enderby man caught in a Canada-wide child-pornography ring has been sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Forty-six-year-old Rylan Sandberg pleaded guilty to possession of child porn in May and must also serve 18 months probation.

He was among 150 men who were arrested across the country last year as part of a child-porn investigation.

Police seized more than a million pictures and videos depicting abuse of children, including infants.

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An electric vehicle charger near Waterfront Station in Vancouver. MATT DESOUSA/FOR METRO

Vancouver aims to abandon fossil fuels

CO2 EMISSIONS

City plans to shift to 100% renewable energy by 2050



Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

By 2050, everyone in Vancouver will abandon gas-guzzling cars and natural gas heating in favour of electric transportation and renewable energy systems.

While that may seem like a massive leap from where the city stands now, where only 31 per cent of energy use is renewable, the goal to eliminate the use of fossil fuels and rely only

on renewable sources is "not pie in the sky," Vancouver's acting director of sustainability Doug Smith said Thursday.

Next week Smith and staff will present council with a strategy on how to shift to 100 per cent renewable energy within 35 years. It focuses on changes to buildings and transportation, the two largest culprits for burning energy.

"We absolutely think it's realistic or else we wouldn't be putting it out there," Smith said.

The plan includes requiring new buildings adopt zero-emission standards by 2030, expanding the neighbourhood renewable energy systems, building more transit and walkable neighbourhoods, and developing plug-in infrastructure to enable the transition to electric vehicles.



You can't make industry or the market do something that doesn't make sense.

Doug Smith

The plan isn't set in stone due to expected technological changes — for example, it'll probably be way cheaper to buy an electric car that can travel farther in a few years — but it outlines ways to open the doors and incentivize businesses and residents to make more environmentally friendly choices.

"You can't make industry or

the market do something that doesn't make sense," Smith said. "It's not going to be like 2025 when we flip a switch and say everybody must do this. We're going to continue to promote the good choices with incentives and by eliminating red tape."

By adopting this plan, council would give staff the ability to factor renewable energy into long-term choices.

That doesn't mean it will be easy. It will require working with the province, B.C. Hydro, TransLink, the development community, commercial trucking and citizens.

Smith said the response he's received so far has been positive. The public will have a chance to speak to council Wednesday before council decides whether to approve the plan.

LEVIATHAN II

Capsized whale-watcher passed incline test

The whale-watching ship that capsized off British Columbia's coast, killing five people, passed a stability test after an observation deck was added when it was converted from a tugboat, Transport Canada said Thursday.

The Leviathan II, originally built in 1981, was once a forest-industry tug and was lengthened and had a deck added 15 years later for the whale-watching industry.

"The owner prepared a stability assessment, including an incline experiment, at that time.

Transport Canada approved this work and certified the vessel," said a Transport Canada statement.

The ship capsized on Sunday with 27 people on board, about 15 kilometres from the tourist community of Tofino, which is located on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Five British nationals died and a 27-year-old male from Australia is missing.

Preliminary findings from Transportation Safety Board investigators indicate most passen-

gers were on the top deck when it was hit by a wave from the opposite side and rolled, sending all aboard into the water.

Transport Canada states on its website that vessel stability is a fundamental component of seaworthiness, and it is in the interest of owners and operators to ensure their vessels have a satisfactory level of stability in order to ensure safety.

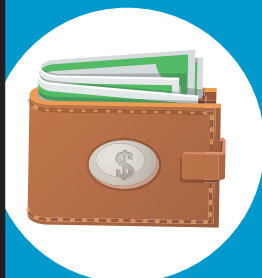
"A vessel's stability is the measure of its ability to withstand high winds, waves and other forces resulting from its

operations and resist capsizing by returning to an upright position after being heeled over," the website stated.

Transport Canada did not provide the details of the Leviathan's so-called incline test. The website states naval architects can determine stability with mathematical formulas that indicate the forces acting on the vessel at different incline angles.

But it warns "compliance with the stability criteria does not ensure immunity against capsizing." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The reel life of Beverley Elliott

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Veteran actor has seen it all, but didn't see it coming ...

Graeme McRanor
For Metro | Vancouver

Once upon a time, long before Beverley Elliott played Granny on the hit television show *Once Upon a Time*, she lived in Listowel, Ont., a tiny farming town with a "one-room schoolhouse and a Campbell's Soup factory."

Then, one day, she packed her bags and headed west.

"For me (Vancouver) was a big city because I'm a small-town girl," she says.

"I didn't know anyone here and I moved with a girlfriend who left shortly after. It was 1982, there was a recession and no work. I pounded the pavement, walking up and down the street in my high heels.

"I was trying to be a waitress and ended up getting a job at the Hotel Vancouver. I think I worked at 25 restaurants in this city over the years."

She took acting classes, quickly booking a guest-starring role on *The Beachcombers*. She also worked six to seven nights a week as a singer.

"I did the pub circuit, I performed in the gay bars downtown. There was live music everywhere. People had money to spend on live music. There wasn't as much on television at home and there were far fewer movies out. I think people just went out to be entertained."

Elliott, who still pops into



Beverley Elliott will appear in her one-woman show, entitled *Didn't See That Coming*, at the Gateway Theatre in November. ROBIN NIELSEN/CONTRIBUTED

Richmond Country Farms' Pumpkin Patch every year to sing, has amassed more than 100 film and television credits and released four albums of original music.

She was thanked by Clint Eastwood during his Best Director Oscar acceptance speech for *Unforgiven* (she played Silky), got snubbed by Tony Danza during a locally-shot Christmas movie and met legions of "interesting characters that you just can't believe" along the way.

She's seen it all. She just never saw any of it coming.



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Beverley Elliott

"We really have no idea what's around the corner. Just when I think it's all over the phone rings and a job comes out of nowhere.

"I've been ticking along like that for 30 years."

Even her one-woman show, presented cabaret-

style at the Gateway Theatre in November and fittingly called *Didn't See That Coming*, caught her by surprise.

Born out of her time in a writing group called the Wet Ink Collective, she first mounted the production at last year's Vancouver Fringe

Festival, where it won Pick of the Fringe.

"Most of the stories are written from that place of bumping into a stranger and having your life changed," she says.

"Even though they're autobiographical, there's a chord of truth that seems to resonate."

What resonates most with her is that audience connection, be it through television projects, film theatre, or on-stage at that Pumpkin Patch.

"These kids are laughing their heads off and jumping

up and down," she says.

"That can be more fun than waiting in your trailer for 10 hours to come out and say one line.

"I'm just grateful I get to do it all."

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A temporary zipline installed in Queen Elizabeth Park over the summer put an extra \$47,175 in the Vancouver park board's coffers.

The zipline, a pilot project operated by local company Greenheart, made a total of \$334,787 from July 2 to Sept. 30, according to park board acting deputy general manager Jonathan Snoek. The money will go into general revenue for maintenance of parks across the city.

The numbers are the first look at a project that was much loved by some seeking to shed Vancouver's "no fun" label and much hated by others who didn't want to see the privatization of public space.

A total of 23,564 people took



A bride and groom take a ride this past summer. COURTESY VANCOUVER PARK BOARD AND GREENHEART INTERNATIONAL

a ride on the zipline over the summer, Snoek said. The eldest was 93 and the youngest was three. Fifteen pairs of brides and grooms rode for

free in their dresses and tuxedos, and one proposal was made on site.

The park board's portion (about 14 per cent of total rev-

enue) was determined by a revenue-sharing formula in which the more the company made, the more the park board made.

On top of that, \$13,549 was

raised for charities including the Children's Hospital Foundation, Snoek said.

The operator was responsible for all costs associated

23,564

The number of people who rode the zipline this past summer.

with the zipline, including 25 summer jobs for students, insurance and installing the towers.

"I don't know what kind of money they made in the end, but I'd bet you the park board made more," Snoek said.

Snoek believes the park board also earned extra money from parking by people who drove to the park to visit the attraction, but staff have yet to calculate how much.

A complete financial report is expected to go before the park board later this fall, along with results from a public survey on the project. (Initial feedback has been fairly positive, although there are a few negative responses, Snoek said.)

It will be up to the park board whether to repeat the zipline next year.

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Fish farming spat gets teen barred

SOCCER

Girl and her mom protest sponsorship by salmon firm

A soccer club on northern Vancouver Island has red-carded a 14-year-old, barring her from playing on an elite team over a dispute about a sponsorship deal with a salmon-farming company.

The Upper Island Riptide club announced Thursday it could not reconcile its differences with Freyja Reed and, as a result, had "parted ways" with the teen goalkeeper.

Freyja and her mother Anissa Reed, who live in Comox, oppose open net-pen salmon farming and have been at odds with the club over a sponsorship deal announced in August with Marine Harvest Canada, one of the world's largest salmon-farming companies.

Riptide spokesman Sean Arbour said there was a "hic-

cup" with the Reeds over the club's code of conduct and that the mother and daughter had been previously warned.

A club news release said the decision was "collective" and based on feedback from players, families and volunteers.

Anissa Reed said she was outraged, noting she was informed by email around the same time the news release was issued.

"They issued a press release prior to allowing me to tell her, when she's at school," she said.

Marine Harvest spokesman Ian Roberts declined to comment.

Commercial fishermen gathered on Thursday at the Comox fisherman's wharf in support of the teen. The United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union, numerous seafood companies and individual fishermen said they would arrange a trust fund so Freyja could continue to play without any sponsorship issues.

Willie Mitchell, a salmon-farming opponent and member of the NHL's Florida Panthers, offered to sponsor the team himself in a Tuesday tweet.

Reed said she and Freyja moved to Comox so her daughter could play competitive soccer but learned about the sponsorship deal in August, months after tryouts for the under-15 team.

Reed said she set up a Facebook page questioning the sponsorship, and discussed her concerns with the club's steering committee.

A Sept. 14 email — which Arbour called "strike 1" for the Reeds — summarizes those talks from the club's point of view.

Arbour said Reed would have to remove social media posts linking the company and club and that she and Freyja could not engage in "sideline chatter" about the company at games, training sessions and events.

Arbour said Freyja would not have to wear corporate logos or participate in fundraisers using company products.

He said the teen can still play soccer in Comox and or with a similar program in Nanaimo, but if the protest behaviour continues she can be "terminated" from playing. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Soccer-player Freyja Reed, 14, of Comox, an opponent of salmon farming, has found herself mired in a dispute about corporate sponsorship. ANISSA REED/HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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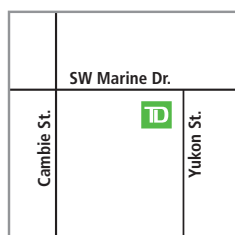
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The search for answers

Each day this week, Metro is taking an in-depth look at some of the immediate items on prime minister-designate Justin Trudeau's to-do list. Today, we examine his pledge to launch a national inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women.



Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

After years of pressure on the federal government to call an inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women, the newly elected Liberals have promised one.

Nearly 1,200 indigenous women were murdered or went missing between 1980 and 2012, according to an RCMP report released last year.

Supporters for a national inquiry include the provincial and territorial premiers, aboriginal groups and the United Nations.

The Liberal platform promises to "immediately launch" a national public inquiry, which would "seek recommendations on concrete actions that governments, law enforcement and others can take to solve these crimes and prevent future ones."



A vigil takes place in March on Parliament Hill for Loretta Saunders, a young Inuk woman who was murdered in February 2014. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

At his news conference the day after the election last week, prime minister-designate Jus-

tin Trudeau didn't provide a specific timeline for an inquiry but said he wanted to "get mov-

ing on this quickly."

Dawn Harvard, president of the Native Women's Asso-

ciation of Canada, said consultations with the necessary people must start right away, but the inquiry itself shouldn't be rushed into.

"The initial process needs to start right away, but that initial process itself can take a significant amount of time just in order to make sure we get it right," Harvard said.

Any successful inquiry requires consultations with aboriginal women and their families, the larger aboriginal leadership and other relevant groups to establish the process and scope of the inquiry, she said. It's particularly important that the families of the victims have a leading role, she said.

"We're only going to get one shot at this, and we need to make sure that we have all the key voices being heard at

the table to make sure we get as comprehensive a picture as possible."

That process should start as soon as cabinet is named Nov. 4, when establishing an inquiry will be a priority for the new aboriginal affairs minister.

While in government, the Conservatives resisted calls for a national inquiry, saying there had already been more than 40 studies on the matter and that it is action that is needed.

There are also fears that an inquiry won't necessarily lead to action. The Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples in the 1990s took five years, cost more than \$50 million and the more than 440 recommendations it produced mostly went unheeded.



POLITICS

Harpers' pets also leaving 24 Sussex Drive

Stephen Harper is a goner — and his cats aren't coming back.

The outgoing prime minister has long been known to have a fondness for felines — indeed, prior to being elected in 2006, Harper quipped he was like one himself, because of his many political lives.

And as he prepares to begin anew as a member of the Tory backbench, so too are his cats preparing for a new life of their

own.

Stanley and Gypsy — along with Charlie, a pet chinchilla — are all moving out of 24 Sussex Dr. to live with the Harper family at their new permanent digs in Calgary.

What's more, the many foster-animal friends that had been living at the prime minister's official residence in the months before the federal election were all found new homes in the summer.

The Harpers have fostered dozens of cats, as well as a number of other small animals, since moving in nearly a decade ago. Eventually, they devoted an entire upstairs room to the cause.

Charlie the Chinchilla was especially prominent in the Harpers' later political years — he was featured in the family's 2013 Christmas card and also starred in a YouTube video. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson, left, now-outgoing prime minister Stephen Harper and his wife, Laureen, in Ottawa in July 2011.

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+ CAUCUS

Calgary MP to briefly rule Conservative caucus

For a brief moment in history, Deepak Obhrai will be the man at the helm of the Conservative party caucus. The longtime Calgary MP happens to be the longest continuously serving member of the caucus and as such gets to run the party's first post-election, post-Stephen Harper meeting next week.

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IN BRIEF

Disband federal assisted death panel: groups

A three-member federal panel on doctor-assisted death created under the Conservative government should be disbanded, two advocacy groups say. Dying with Dignity Canada and the B.C. Civil Liberties Association put forward Thursday a blueprint with recommendations for leadership on physician-assisted death, including a call for the panel to halt its work.

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ELECTION 2015

More youths voted: Alliance

Student groups say young voters — a group that typically registers some of the lowest turnout levels in the country — cast more ballots in last week's federal election than they did four years ago.

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) estimates that youth voter turnout was up by about 10 per cent since 2011, based on consultations with member campuses.

The exact number won't be known until Elections Canada releases detailed breakdowns of voter turnout in the com-

**“
Our job really is
to work with
the government.”
Viviane Bartlett of CASA**

ing months.

Elections Canada numbers show 70,231 people came out to special offices set up on 38 campuses during a four-day stretch prior to advance voting, which took place over the Thanksgiving long weekend.

The offices were established as part of a pilot project to get more students out to vote.

The Canadian Federation of Students' national chairperson Bilan Arte said the numbers help to undermine the reputation of young people as politically apathetic.

The figures have emboldened student groups to lobby the incoming Liberal government to make it easier to pay for post-secondary school and to create jobs for young people upon graduation.

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A Chinese woman plays with her grandchild at the Ritan Park in Beijing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

China to allow two children per couple

POPULATION

Decision ends unpopular one-child rule after 35 years

China said Thursday it would allow all married couples to have two children, signalling the end after 35 years to its drastic and unpopular "one-child" policy that has been blamed for skewing the gender balance, forcing women into unwanted abortions and bringing about a rapidly aging workforce.

The decision was the most significant easing of strict population policies that were long considered some of the ruling Communist Party's most onerous intrusions into family life and had been gradually relaxed in recent years. Many rural families and some urban ones were already able to have two children.

The news elated 36-year-old Su Weihua of Guangzhou, who said she now plans to get pregnant next year and that she is eager for her eight-year-old daughter to have a sibling.

"I have looked forward to this for so many years — even

had dreams about it! I cried every time when I woke up and realized it wasn't yet true. I thought it was so unfair," Su said.

The party's Central Committee said in a statement that the decision was "to improve the balanced development of population" and to deal with an aging population.

The move may not spur a huge baby boom, however, in part because fertility rates are believed to be declining even without the policy's en-

I have looked forward to this for so many years.

Su Weihua, mother of one

forcement. Previous easings of the one-child policy have spurred fewer births than expected, and many younger people in China see smaller families as ideal.

China, which has the world's largest population at 1.4 billion people, introduced the one-child policy in 1979 as a temporary measure to curb a then-surging population and limit the demand for water and other resources. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREECE

Compassionate locals rush to rescue migrants in crisis

An autumn chill had set in when the wooden boat, packed with families from Syria and Iraq, set out on the short crossing from Turkey to the Greek island of Lesbos and the promise of a new life in Europe.

Partway across, it capsized, triggering a scene of panic, confusion — and compassion — in a dramatic rescue.

A Greek Coast Guard vessel sped to the site of the latest migrant catastrophe on Europe's doorstep. So did an array of volunteers, including Spanish lifeguards and Turkish fishermen, who crammed dozens of distraught people onto the decks



A Syrian refugee rests after arriving at the port of Piraeus from Lesbos on Thursday. THANASSIS STAVRAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

of their small boats.

The Greek Coast Guard said 242 people were rescued in the operation Wednesday night, in-

cluding at least 18 children. At least seven people died, and more than 30 are missing.

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U.S. POLITICS

Rubio, Bush trade jabs in 3rd Republican debate

Marco Rubio bid forcefully for control of the Republican Party's establishment wing in Wednesday night's third GOP debate, deflecting jabs from Jeb Bush, who sought to right his floundering campaign.

Bush targeted Rubio for his spotty voting record on Capitol Hill.

"Marco, when you signed up for this, this was a six-year term and you should be showing up for work," said Bush.

Rubio sharply dismissed Bush's critique as a political ploy by a struggling candidate.

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IN BRIEF**Quebec gives billion-dollar lifeline to Bombardier**

Bombardier says \$1 billion US from the Quebec government will help complete development of the CSeries and restore customer faith in the delayed and costly commercial jet program.

The Montreal-based company lost US\$4.9 billion, tied mostly to large writedowns in the CSeries and abandoned Learjet 85, along with operating results that were substantially below already low expectations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Eleven housing markets overvalued: CMHC

A growing number of Canadian housing markets are overvalued, either because the cost of buying a home has ballooned or underlying economic conditions don't support current prices, according to a new report from the federal housing agency.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. found evidence of problematic conditions in Toronto, Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Regina. All four of those markets show signs of overvaluation, according to the agency, and in Toronto, price acceleration is also present.

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Adrienne Connelly of Hamilton, above, and Holly Myers of Portland, Ore., sew bras during a bra-making class with Beverly Johnson at her Bra-Makers Supply in Hamilton on Oct. 14.

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Bra-making biz supports new careers

LINGERIE

School a global attraction for amateurs and pros alike

Sophie Ndala has watched her mother wrestle with ill-fitting lingerie her whole life and painstakingly alter oversize bras that nonetheless dug into her shoulders and provided little support.

With bra shopping a bust in their home country of South Africa, Ndala travelled thousands of kilometres to southern Ontario to learn how to help her mother — and maybe start a business herself.

She enrolled at Bra-Makers Supply in Hamilton, a sewing store and custom lingerie school that has grown into an international attraction for both amateurs and professionals.

For nearly two decades, the store's owner and self-described "fairy bra mother" Beverly Johnson has shown women — and the occasional man — how to handcraft bras that fit bodies of various shapes and sizes using her own patterns.

Johnson, 62, launched the school — one of the only programs of its kind — after years of leading workshops across Canada and around the world.

Between her in-person lessons and new online courses, Johnson estimates she's taught more than 30,000 people to make beautiful and supportive bras. Some have gone on to start their own businesses or teach lingerie-making them-

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The school, which operates in the back of the shop, offers a range of classes from a \$225 two-day introductory course to a \$600 five-day "boob camp" and lessons in swimwear and corsetry. The master classes were brought in to replace a nine-week bra-making certification course after new provincial regulations forced Johnson to axe the program or register as a private career college.

selves in stores such as The Make Den in west-end Toronto.

A recent weeklong master class on plus-size bras saw Ndala create a pale blue prototype to take home to her mother — who has large breasts but a petite frame — and replicate. If the undergarment fits, Ndala said she plans to start sewing some for others.

Several of her classmates already have their own lingerie lines and turned to Johnson to hone their skills.

"I really want to hit the mastectomy market," said Holly Myers, a custom bra-maker based in Portland, Ore.

"One of my aunts had breast cancer several years back and I'm also a Pilates instructor, that's kind of my first career, and I have quite a few clients who have mastectomies as well ... and they always complain about not being able to find cute bras and cute swimwear."

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OILSANDS

Cost-cutting efforts start bearing fruit

Canada's oilpatch continues to move aggressively to cut costs and companies say the efforts are starting to show results.

Cenovus Energy said Thursday that it had increased to 700 the number of people laid off in the second half of the year, roughly double what it forecast in July, after cutting 800 jobs in February.

The company expects to end the year with 24 per cent fewer staff than it started with and there are plans for more cuts next year as it makes structural changes. "We're fundamentally changing the way we work,"

Cenovus chief executive Brian Ferguson said.

The company is also cutting benefits such as giving employees the first and third Friday of the month off, and is looking at all aspects of discretionary spending as it works to drive down costs.

"We're continuing to focus on where and how we improve our cost structure," said Ferguson. "We're leaving no stone unturned."

So far the efforts are paying off, with expected savings of \$400 million this year rather than the \$240 million Cenovus had fore-

cast earlier. It anticipates further savings of \$100 million next year as a result of this year's staff cuts.

Athabasca Oil Corp. said Thursday that in response to the challenging times it had reduced its office and field staff by about 25 per cent this week, without disclosing the number of jobs actually cut.

"Unfortunately, these are the necessary steps required to weather an extended downturn," company spokesman Matt Taylor said in an email.

Drilling company Calfrac Well Services has also signifi-

cantly reduced staff in the face of continued low oil prices, saying Thursday that head counts have been cut by roughly 40 per cent in Canada and 50 per cent in the United States since the end of 2014.

In order to be profitable with low commodity prices, Calfrac said it is "focused on aggressively managing its cost structure."

But the reductions weren't enough to keep the company in the black, with Calfrac reporting a net loss of \$24.2 million in the third quarter.

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Which voting system should Canada use?

Within 18 months of taking office, prime minister-designate Justin Trudeau has promised federal electoral reform. But what are our choices? Four experts weigh in.

OPTION 1 Single Transferable Vote

How it works: Each riding has multiple seats (perhaps five), and every voter ranks candidates first to last. Each person's vote counts initially toward their first choice and, as votes are counted and candidates either win or are eliminated, the vote is transferred to the voters' next-most-favourite candidate until there are five candidates left standing.

Where it's used: Ireland, Malta



CHAMPION: Nick Caruana
Ph.D. candidate, Political Science
University of Western Ontario

Single Transferable Vote is an effective compromise between what we like about the current system and what we want from a proportional system. It changes two things about the ballots we use. First, you rank candidates. You can choose many or just one. If your first-choice candidate comes in last, they're eliminated, and your vote counts towards your second choice, and so on. Secondly, ridings have more seats. Imagine squishing five ridings together to make one riding with five MPs. A major party will run five candidates, hoping for all the seats, while a fringe party may only run one. STV combines the local representation and accountability of the current system with better proportionality between the votes a party gets and its share of seats. And it lets voters give more information about what they want. Torn between two parties, or want to vote for a party and a local candidate you like from a different party? Rank both!

OPTION 2 Proportional Representation

How it works: Voters vote for a party, and the number of seats that go to each party is proportional to its vote share.

Where it's used: Germany, New Zealand, the Netherlands



CHAMPION: André Blais,
Professor, Political Science
Université de Montréal

Proportional Representation is the only system that delivers fairness; that's its greatest virtue. The percentage of Parliament seats a party gets is more or less equal to its percentage of votes. The second-greatest virtue is that PR is flexible. You can choose the version that accounts best for your other concerns. Districts can be large or small. You could have thresholds to limit the number of parties in Parliament. You could even have a mixed system with a combination of PR and some other system. A common concern about PR is that voters want to vote directly for a local candidate. Well, it is possible to have people vote for both a party and a candidate. (An example is Mixed-Member PR, where voters vote once for a party and once for a local candidate. Additional MPs who do not represent a riding sit in the House of Commons so that the proportion of seats a party holds still matches its share of the vote). The major objection to PR is that it leads to coalition governments. That is true, but coalitions have advantages. They weaken the power of the prime minister; major decisions require approval of coalition partners. And it's not true that coalition governments are unstable. European PR governments last a similar amount of time as Canadian governments do. If you believe fairness is crucial, you should support PR.

OPTION 3 Alternative Vote

How it works: Voters rank candidates, who are usually affiliated with a party, first to last. If none gets a majority of first-choice votes, the second choices, then third choices, etc., are counted until there is a winner — one MP per riding. The party with the most MPs gets to govern.

Where it's used: Australia



CHAMPION: Laura Stephenson
Associate professor,
Political Science
University of Western Ontario

An alternative vote system is the best option for electoral reform. It would not have a steep learning curve for voters. AV systems are similar to our current one: Voters indicate support for individual candidates and a single winner represents each riding. Our ridings would not have to change, and Canadians would continue to have a local MP in Parliament. The big difference would be how voters mark ballots. Instead of a single X, they'd rank the candidates by number. When a candidate wins with less than 50 per cent of the vote, like can happen now, a majority of voters preferred someone else. This would not happen with AV. Voting for someone with no chance of winning would not mean a wasted vote — support would be redistributed to the next-preferred option until one candidate emerged with over 50 per cent of the votes. This means any winning candidate would have the support of a majority of voters — maybe not a majority of first-choice votes, but preference over other options.

OPTION 4 Status Quo: First-Past-The-Post

How it works: Voters elect a local MP, who is usually affiliated with a party. The local candidate with the most votes wins, and the party with the most winners governs.

Where it's used: Canada, the U.K., India, many others



CHAMPION: Royce Koop
Assistant professor,
Political Studies
University of Manitoba

First-Past-The-Post is designed to produce clear winners and single-party majority governments, even without a majority of votes. Majority governments can pursue big, visionary projects like free trade and they last around four years. Remember the uncertainty and frequent elections caused by minority governments in the 2000s? FPTP also creates effective representation. If you have a problem with the federal bureaucracy, you can enlist help from your riding's MP, thanks to a clear, direct link between MPs and voters. But imagine if your riding was twice or three times as populous as now, and the MP didn't have resources to help? Or you had several MPs, and it wasn't clear who to contact? Other systems produce these outcomes. FPTP ensures accountability. By voting, many Canadians held the Conservatives accountable. The government fell. But imagine if they were defeated but remained in power, in a coalition, for decades. That's possible in other electoral systems.

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Docking dogs' tails? You're on the wrong side of history

The change has come — in B.C. this time, where veterinarians have voted to ban cosmetic ear cropping and tail docking for dogs.

Some breeders and dog owners aren't happy, which is unfortunate for them.

B.C. is the seventh province — and won't be the last — to outlaw cutting dogs' ears to sharp points and lopping off their tails, which supposedly gives breeds like Dobermans and Boxers their distinctive look.

This is the best kind of societal shift: originating from professionals, based on sound evidence and introduced for the welfare of the voiceless.

"I've always refused to crop," says Dr. Nicole Gallant, president of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, which supports the bans.

The group states that studies show cropping and docking are medically risky and offer no "welfare or medical benefit" — a claim kennel associations make. It also calls on breed associations to remove surgical modifications from their standards.

There might be "a few generations of dog who won't win in the ring" at shows, Gallant noted, but the shift "is coming."

Gallant is careful to say she assumes most owners and breeders love and care for their pets.

"A lot of this is about educating people and discussing what these surgeries are and

why we're choosing not to do them," she said. "Opinions are pretty strong on this."

Indeed. The Canadian Kennel Club objects to B.C.'s ban, and owners in other provinces have claimed (unconvincingly) the bans infringe upon their rights.

The debate is an old, stubborn one: Europe is ahead of us, and the U.S. behind. But even there, states such as New York and Vermont have considered similar bans. In response, the American Kennel Club is calling on "fanciers" to pressure their senators and owners to pressure their vets.

It's not surprising a group of people dedicated to "preserving breed character" are wary of change. But there is some irony: they breed dogs to be aggressive (say, Dobermans) and then cut the dogs' floppy ears because that aggression could cause ear injuries in a fight. As for "character," google "Doberman with floppy ears" and try to find that menacing.

Surgery advocates offer varied and lengthy defences — but consider the source.

Vets have nothing to gain by upsetting breeders and owners. Breeders and owners, on the other hand, have reputations to maintain. And adopting new practices would be admitting they were wrong in the past.

Few like being wrong. But there's only one winning side here. You can lose, or you can change.

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HORROR

Modern zombie movies owe big debt to Night of the Living Dead

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada



Movies like World War Z, Zombie Women of Satan and this weekend's comedy-horror Scouts Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse — the story of three Scouts who must bond to save their town from a zombie outbreak — owe a debt of gratitude to Night of the Living Dead.

In 1968, the story of story of people trapped in a rural Pennsylvania farmhouse trying to survive an attack by reanimated ghouls dragged a bloody new horror genre into the marketplace.

For better (see Re-Animator) and for worse (see Zombie Nightmare) the movie Rex Reed called "a classic" has spawned almost five decades of brain eating and head explosions, but according to the film's co-author John Russo, the origin of the idea was anything but sinister.

"Sometime in the winter of 1966 George Romero and I were having lunch with Richard Ricci," says Russo, then a co-partner with Romero and Russell Streiner (who has the film's most famous line, "They're coming to get you, Barbara!") in



Night of the Living Dead has spawned nearly five decades of brain eating and head explosions, like this weekend's comedy-horror Scouts Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse. CONTRIBUTED

The Latent Image, a commercial television production house.

"George and I were complaining about the fickleness of our commercial clients. Richard said, 'So why don't you do something about it?' I thought about it and said, 'We oughtta be able to make something better than the crap we see on Chiller Theater.'

"George right away got excited, slammed the table with his big hand, sending bottles

and glasses flying, and yelled, 'We're gonna make a movie!'"

The two batted around several ideas.

One, titled Monster Flick, was a horror comedy about teenage aliens, while another focused on flesh eating aliens.

"But we quickly discovered that we could not afford all the necessary special effects," he says, so the writing continued.

"We'd go to work late at night in separate offices, at



MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

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separate typewriters," says Russo. "I said right away that our story should start in a cemetery because folks found cem-

eteries spooky. I was working on a script that started in a cemetery and involved aliens coming to earth in search of

human flesh. But George took a break at Christmas time and came back with half of a story that started in a cemetery, and was in essence what became the first half of Night of the Living Dead. There were all the proper twists and turns and a lot of excitement, but George never said who the attackers were or why they were attacking.

"I said, 'I like this, George, but who are these attackers? You never say.' And he said he didn't know. So I said, 'It seems to me they could be dead people. But why are they attacking? What are they after?' Again, he said he didn't know. So I said, 'Why don't we use my flesh-eating idea?' And he agreed.

"So that's how the modern flesh-eating zombies were born!"

These days it doesn't take a lot of braaaaaaaaaaaaaaains to see the legacy of Night of the Living Dead. The ghoulish story is considered a classic, has spawned comedies like the box office hit Zombieland and hit television shows like The Walking Dead.

"We were absolutely dedicated toward making a movie that was true to its premise and the motivations of its characters, from start to finish," says Russo, adding, "[the movie] struck a primal chord in everybody, perhaps because of the atavistic memory of our species as easy prey for wild beasts, which we were for most of human history. We all carry the deep-seated fear of being devoured."

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OUR BRAND IS CRISIS

After string of 'wife' offers, she took role written for man

Is she going to be hot?

That's the question a studio executive asked Sandra Bullock about the lead character in a project she was pitching well into her Hollywood career.

"I looked at him and I go, 'Well, it is me, so you get what you get. You do realize that I'm pitching this for me?'" recalled Bullock in a recent interview. "He goes, 'Yeah, but I want to know, like, what is she going to wear?'"

Things have gotten a little better since then. In *Our Brand Is Crisis*, out Friday, Bullock plays a role originally written for a man, and no one checked in to see whether or not the savvy political consultant character was going to be a bombshell, too.

But this is the exception. Bullock's conversation with the studio executive remains an all-too-familiar scene for actresses in Hollywood, where sexist presumptions are engrained in the culture.

Then there's the matter of substance with roles for women. Bullock can't remember how many times she's had to listen to a writer try to explain how



Never mind the bollocks: Bullock plays politics

"the wife" is really the heart of the movie.

"I know what that means. That means you're going to be underwritten and you're just going to be the wife waking up in bed with the husband and

making the coffee," she said. "If you say that I'm the heart of the piece, I'm going to (expletive) clock you."

That's why Bullock and her agent started looking at roles for men.

After all, male characters don't always have to be likable. Their comedies don't have to be of the romantic variety. And the first question from studio executives probably isn't going to be "Is he hot?"

When Bullock read the unproduced screenplay for *Our Brand Is Crisis*, she decided to call longtime friends George Clooney and producer Grant Heslov to see if there was any chance they might consider her

for the lead — an amoral, Sun Tzu-quoting political consultant who's come out of retirement for a showdown with an old rival. They said yes.

To adapt the part, they changed around some pronouns, they gave the character a woman's name, and they added some sexual innuendos with her foe (Billy Bob Thornton). But overall, it remained as originally written.

Part of that is the strength of screenwriter Peter Straughan's script, said Thornton. The transition from male to female was easy because it was never a type to begin with — the gender was almost incidental.

"I tend as a writer to not identify characters unless there's a reason for it," said Thornton. "(Straughan) wrote it as a person."

From there, director David Gordon Green and his actors could focus on the big ideas in this satirical story about a failing Bolivian presidential candidate and the American lackeys hired to try to manipulate his image and a country for the win.

As someone whose father worked in the Pentagon, Bullock understands the allure of stories about the underbelly of politics. The do-anything candidates and unscrupulous mercenaries in *Our Brand Is Crisis* are especially resonant now, she notes. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Zoe Kazan nabbed a comic role in *Our Brand Is Crisis* after starring in a string of romantic comedies. HANDOUT

INTERVIEW

Zoe Kazan gets some comic relief

Matt Prigge
Metro | New York



Zoe Kazan tends to play serious, or if it's a rom-com, like *What If*, quasi-serious.

But in *Our Brand Is Crisis* she gets to play a character whose primary function is to act as a comic foil.

She's LaBlanc, the crafty right-hand person of Sandra Bullock's political advisor, who's lent her services out

to a probably crooked Bolivian politician (Joaquim de Almeida) who's race isn't going so well.

LaBlanc is unusual for you, because she's mostly a comedic character.

That was part of it — the idea of getting to play this enigma. I had also accidentally done a lot of romantic comedies. I was just tired of that genre. I liked the idea of being able to do something about a bunch of people using their minds. And there

was getting to speak Spanish in a movie. It's a language I grew up speaking, which I never get to use.

Given your character primarily serves as a translator, I assume that helped you get the role.

I auditioned for the part. I had to improvise in Spanish in the audition. I think everyone thought I was much better at Spanish than I actually am. My accent is good; it fools people.

This is technically a political film, but it's more along the lines of *Veep* or *In the Loop*.

I don't think there are overt politics to the film, and I think that notion is partly what the movie is about. These people are people who are working in the political field who are not doing it because they're passionate about this or that cause. It's because they're passionate about winning.



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FILM BRIEF
De Niro stars opposite Efron in Dirty Grandpa

After playing a silver-haired intern opposite Anne Hathaway, Robert De Niro's next movie role sees the actor playing a randy, recently widowed grandfather alongside Zac Efron.

In the first trailer for the film *Dirty Grandpa*, Efron plays De Niro's straight-laced grandson charged with driving De Niro to Boca Raton, Fla.

Along their road trip, the pair stop off at heady Spring Break party spots where granddad encourages his buttoned-up, sweater-over-the-shoulders grandson to sow his oats and end the engagement to his stuck-up fiancé, played by Julianne Hough.

Dirty Grandpa hits theatres Jan. 22. **AFF**



Robert De Niro and Zac Efron in Dirty Grandpa. **AFF**

THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN


Last Friday night, we caught bits of *Game 6* — you know, the one between the Toronto Blue Jays and the Kansas City Royals? — on AM radio in our cab ride home from an event. Actually, we made one pit stop to get burritos where we witnessed Royals' third baseman Mike Moustakas make a formidable catch from a ground fly that caused Simon to pause. "That's gotta feel better than sex," he said.

The Jays may have lost, but the country feels united. And we, at least, still have baseball on the brain.

That meant one thing: watch a classic baseball-

A classic baseball-themed movie as cinematic as Bautista's bat flip? We both knew what we craved: *The Natural*

themed movie as cinematic as Bautista's bat flip. There was much discussion: Should we start Ken Burns' 11-part documentary on the game? Or, were we in the mood for something a little more light-hearted, like *Bull Durham*, *A League of Their Own* or *Major League*?

Nope. We both knew what we craved: *The Natural* — and not just because one of us (him) is obsessed with Robert Redford's hair. The 1984 film is dear to me. It introduced me to Richard Farnsworth, who can break your heart with a single glance of his glossy blue eyes. It confirmed my love of sports movies, a passion which '79's *Breaking Away* launched. And, I think the film, beautifully shot by Caleb Deschanel, inspired my dad — who's more into Bach and Bertrand Russell than baseball — to play catch with me. Even during my

teenage years, when I knew everything, we'd go into the backyard with our well-worn gloves and toss the ball around under sun sparkle.

It'd had been a while since we'd seen *The Natural*. It has also been some time since we've eaten hot dogs for dinner. But the combination was a no-brainer. Here's the thing though: I don't like fat or fancy hot dogs. I only eat

Schneiders Red Hots, preferably burnt to a carcinogenic crisp over a fire. But Simon only likes Schneiders Juicy Jumbos. So we bought both.

Simon's favourite way to prepare hotdogs is to broil them in the oven. Because his experience with wieners is vastly greater than mine, I conceded. The toppings? Yellow mustard and raw sweet onion. That's it.

THE MOVIE:
The Natural



THE MEAL:
Hotdogs



And the movie? It was just as weird as I remembered it, although this time around Roy Hobbs' Odyssean-like voyage was more obvious because I didn't know who Homer was when I was 10.

The Natural shouldn't be as good as it is. A near mythical, magical bat cut from a tree that was struck by lightning? Are you kidding me? Good versus evil in the form of patient Penelope and a couple of evil-siren-like women? Get out of town! And that finale when Hobbs rounds the bases after hitting a homer that causes the scoreboard lights to come crashing down around him in a shower of effervescent glory while Randy Newman's Oscar-nominated score sweeps up your very soul? Come on!

And yet, like the game itself, somehow it is capable of becoming this canvas for the purest — and by that I mean the most irrational and beautiful — human emotions. It shouldn't mean that much. But it does. And we do a disservice to ourselves, and to the game, when we attempt to figure out why.

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DRAMA/COMEDY

Our Brand is Crisis

Director: David Gordon Green
 Starring: Sandra Bullock, Billy Bob Thornton

Sandra Bullock stars in this political comedy drama from Warner Bros. and director David Gordon Green, and inspired by the documentary of the same name, an expose of a bungled American election campaign in South America.

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HORROR/COMEDY

Scouts Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse

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DRAMA

Rock the Kasbah

Director: Barry Levinson
 Starring: Bill Murray, Scott Caan, Bruce Willis

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Bradley Cooper plays a high-octane, drug-addicted top chef in *Burnt*. HANDOUT

Bradley Cooper shows off his chops

BURNT

Actor realized pre-existing cooking skills wouldn't cut it

Bradley Cooper wasn't a novice to the kitchen when he decided to take on the role of the fictional Michelin star chef Adam Jones in *Burnt*.

He grew up in a food loving home near Philadelphia — some of his favourite memories are of his grandmother making pizza, cheesecakes and homemade raviolis. He was a bus boy at a Greek restaurant there, a waiter at a fancy establishment near Georgetown University, and a prep cook at an Italian and seafood place in Somers Point, New Jersey.

One day, he said, he cut and cleaned 620 chickens and nine boxes of peppers in addition to making the dough and sauces.

But he didn't tell anyone that when he started rubbing elbows with the Michelin calibre cooks he needed to learn from for this role.

"They wouldn't have cared," said Cooper, laughing. Besides, he needed to get down to work if he was going to believably portray this top chef seeking a third Michelin star. Whatever knife proficiency he thought he had wasn't exactly going to cut it under the scrutiny of professionals.

In *Burnt*, out Friday, not only is Adam Jones a savant in the kitchen; he's also got a drug habit that's left him an exile in the world of haute cuisine. While the drugs are under control for the moment, his temper is another story. Who better to learn from than the stormy Gordon Ramsay?

Cooper trained alongside Claire Smythe, executive chef of London's Restaurant Gordon Ramsay, which has three Michelin stars, for "many, many services," said director John Wells.



That's real sweat. My eyes were bloodshot ... It was all real.

Bradley Cooper

"All the actors had to spend the time to get fluent in the craft — not fluent enough to serve 100 meals, but fluent enough where someone else who knows how to do it wouldn't think they look ridiculous."

When it got down to shooting, they chose the authentic over the artificial.

BBC TV Master Chef presenter Marcus Wareing was behind the camera, both designing the menus and keeping an eye on everyone's technique.

The actors felt the stress and the pain of working in a real kitchen too — sometimes literally, with cuts and burns.

"That's real sweat. My eyes were bloodshot for half the movie. It was all real. For an actor, that was amazing. There was no stunt double. There was no insert of another person's hands," said Cooper.

Being No. 1 on the call sheet isn't unlike being the head of a kitchen, too. Cooper needed to set the tone of the operation.

"He did exactly what any director would want him to do. He was fully prepared, had done all of his research, knew all of his lines and showed up ready to work and was as demanding as Adam," said Wells. "He was the first person on the set and the last person off."

The seriousness with which Cooper approached the role reminded Wells of another actor he'd worked with recently: Meryl Streep.

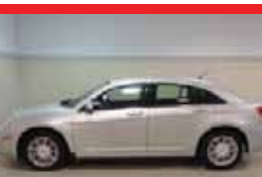
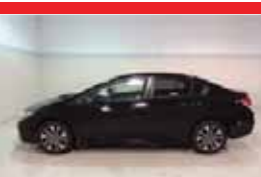
He remembers showing up for a read through of August: Osage County and Streep was already off book.

"Everyone else was like, 'Oh, uh oh, it's going to be like that, is it?' And that was the same with Bradley," he said.

"Bradley, because he's so damn good looking, people don't realize that he's really smart — fiercely intelligent. He questions things and you and everyone else had better be prepared."

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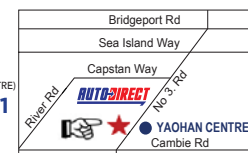
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Clara Venice's show features 'hologlamour' projections of herself playing various instruments. CONTRIBUTED

Musician's multiplicity is a marvel to behold

INTERVIEW

Clara Venice plays 72 instruments on her new album

Kris Abel
For Metro Canada



Of the 72 musical instruments played by Clara Venice on her new album *Electric Dream* it's the Theremin that she's connected to most.

"To me it's just the most magical instrument" she says excitedly, "it can mimic a voice, a guitar or a violin."

Invented in 1920, the Theremin is known for producing eerie sounds when you hold your hands near two antennae to complete an electric circuit,

but in Clara's expert hands it delivers a warm scenery of grooves that matches the way she sways and bops to the crowds on stage.

"It's a sound that most people know from science fiction movies, but it can actually do so much more" she explains.

With her pink hair, Minnie Mouse leggings, and cuddly-bear Laplander hat she enthusiastically delights that seem simple and easy, but they grow from a sophisticated curiosity. In her songs her characters read Yates even as they surprise each other with Skittles and her album is full of sounds from the largest collection of rare instruments in the world, the National Music Centre in Calgary.

"They basically just let me go crazy" she says of her residency there which gave her access to an electric violin, ukulele, glockenspiel, and an exotic instrument called the Buchla Lightning. "It's an instrument

you play with two magic wands" she says with delight.

She's toured with the Barenaked Ladies and performed this past summer at the Beakerhead festival in Calgary where she debuted a stage system incorporating four pre-recorded "Hologlamour" projections of herself.

"It's kind of like the Spice Girls, but more the Space Girls"



Electric Dream is available through iTunes. HANDOUT

she says of her green screen-generated band, needed to share her many instruments. "There's four different personas: one of them is the guitar player, one of them is the keyboard, one of them is a string player, the other plays ukulele, and they accompany me as I sing and perform live on the Theremin."

Each virtual clone gives Clara a chance to come up with new identities through colourful wigs, clothes, and moves. VJ and programmer Owen Denham helped orchestrate the live experience which also includes inter-planetary vistas and virtual rabbits captured in advance also using greenscreen technology.

"I want to create music that becomes your environment" she says of her new album *Electric Dream*, "I want something that will envelop you, hug you, and move you along throughout your day."

HORROR MOVIES

It's a Winnipeg thing

Alan Cross
For Metro Canada



Forty years ago, two movies were released to massive public indifference. One would later become a worldwide cult phenomenon that has since grossed more than \$440 million. The other also became a cult favourite but on a — ahem — slightly smaller scale.

That first movie, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, has never officially been pulled from theatrical release by 20th Century Fox and continues to screen all over the world.

The second film also lives on, but only in one place: Winnipeg.

The Phantom of the Paradise, Brian De Palma's schlocky rock 'n' roll riff on *The Phantom of the Opera*, tells the story of poor Winslow Leach, who, after being disfigured by having his head squished in a record press, has his music stolen by the evil Swan, played by the diminutive Paul Williams, best known at the time for writing hits for *The Carpenters* and *Barbra Streisand*, and who would soon gain fame for writing *Rainbow Connection* for *Kermit the Frog*.

For reasons that baffle cinephiles, musicologists and sociologists, *Paradise* grabbed on to the good people of Winnipeg upon its release in 1974 and never let go. While the film was bounced from theatres within a week or two in most cities, it ran for months in Winnipeg. The city bought more than 20,000 copies of the soundtrack. And passion for the movie continues to run very, very deep.

Every couple of years, Win-

nipeg's love for *Paradise* is renewed with a gathering called *Phantompalooza*. This Friday, *Paradisers* will once again assemble at the Metropolitan Entertainment Centre. The guest of honour will be Peter Elbling, lead ghoul of *The Undead*, one of the film's fictional bands. The city is freaking out at the prospect of seeing the man who sang *Somebody Super Like You*.

I will be there. My sister is performing in the event's house band. A lot of my old friends will be attending. None of us can explain it; this is just something Winnipeggers do.

Several years ago I cornered Williams backstage at a Canadian Music Week event. I had to tell him that I considered *Paradise* to be one of the greatest movies I'd ever seen as a kid. Williams looked up at me with a weird expression. "Why?"

"I'm from Winnipeg," I replied.

"Oh," he said. "That explains it."



The Phantom of the Paradise remains an inexplicable cult hit in Winnipeg. HANDOUT

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Redford as Rather brings home Truth

JAMES VANDERBILT

Director draws on acting legend to play famous news anchor

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Who do you get to play an icon? If you are James Vanderbilt, director of *Truth*, you hire another icon.

The story of 60 Minutes producer Mary Mapes and legendary news anchor Dan Rather's journalistic examination into President George W. Bush's military service features Robert Redford as one of the most famous reporters of the twentieth century. "The movie's big buy is, 'Are you going to see Redford all the way through or are you going to see Rather?'" says Vanderbilt.

"Redford is a phenomenal actor but what he brings into a scene by just being present (is a) gravitational pull. The room turns toward him. Getting to know Dan, that's what Dan Rather is like. When Dan Rather walks into a room, the same thing happens.

"Everybody turns into, in a good way, a teenager, because those are both voices who have been in your living room for 30

to 40 years. It's a voice of God thing they both have and that's why I really wanted Bob to do it."

Vanderbilt says the legendary actor is "very easy going, the nicest guy you'll ever meet," but nonetheless made people on the set nervous.

"We had heads of departments who had been working in film for 30 years who couldn't call him Bob. He would say, 'Call me Bob,' and they would say, 'I'm sorry, I can't do that Mr. Redford. I'm very sorry that is not going to happen.'"

Vanderbilt is best known as a screenwriter, penning the scripts for *The Amazing Spider-Man*, *Zodiac*, *White House Down* and the upcoming *Independence Day 2*.

His screenplay for *Truth* is based on Mapes' memoir *Truth and Duty* and reveals a time be-

fore journalism was driven by ad sales and click-throughs.

"It was pre iPhone," he says. "It was a year before the iPhone came out and that is such a big thing in terms of how we connect to one another now. How we relate to each other. Journalists and everybody. It felt like a fulcrum point, kind of where we had been, journalistically, and where we are now."

His research into the story gave the director a new respect for journalists.

"I think it is a very noble profession but maybe I'm a very pie in the sky guy," he says. "I think the more young people who grow up and go, 'This is what I want to be. I want to ask questions of power,' the better. I think we, as a society, are better that way."

"The notion of long-form ideas, long-form journalism doesn't really exist in television anymore, in the way it did when Mary and Dan were at CBS."

Actress Cate Blanchett, who plays 60 Minutes producer Mary Mapes, tells Metro



Robert Redford and Cate Blanchett as Dan Rather and Mary Mapes in *Truth*. CONTRIBUTED

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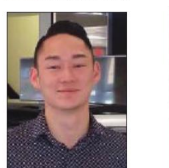
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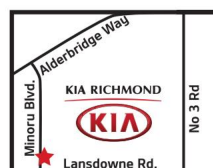
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SUPERSTITION
Porch ceilings in the South Carolina Lowcountry are commonly painted "paint blue," a colour believed to ward off evil spirits.



The view from the third-floor balcony of the Anchorage 1770 inn in Beaufort, S.C. CONTRIBUTED



Aunt Pearlie Sue of Aunt Pearl

Sue of Aunt Pearl Sue and The Gullah Kinfolk performs for guests. MIKE DOJC/FOR METRO



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Orlando beyond the theme parks

FLORIDA

10 fun things you can do in the city, from arts to wildlife

Mark Stachiew
For Metro Canada

Many Canadians never venture beyond the walls of Orlando's famous theme parks, but those who do will discover an exciting range of experiences in the Florida city that just might surprise them.

1 Ride the Orlando Eye
It only opened last year, but this gigantic Ferris wheel has become an instant Orlando icon. Take a sunset ride on this engineering wonder and marvel at the panoramic views below.

2 Look for gators
You don't have to go all the way to

the Everglades to see alligators. Just 30 minutes from town, you can take an airboat tour that will let you see gators and other wildlife in their natural habitat.

3 Ride an Amphicar
At the Boathouse Restaurant in Disney Springs, a sprawling shopping, dining and entertainment district, you can take a one-of-a-kind tour of the nearby lake in an Amphicar, a 1960s-era amphibious car of which only a few hundred remain in the world.

4 Enjoy fine dining
Foodies love Orlando's restaurant scene. It attracts celebrity chefs from around the world and is home to some local chefs who are making names for themselves. Whether you prefer Southern barbecue, Asian fusion or farm-to-fork, just about any type of cuisine you can think of can be found here.



The Orlando Eye has become an instant icon of the city. HANDOUT

5 Go up in a hot-air balloon
The Orlando Eye is not the only way to get a bird's-eye view of the sprawling city and the area around it. Visitors can experience a sunrise ride in a hot-air balloon that transports them above the ground at a leisurely pace.



6 See the fishes
SEA LIFE Aquarium is the perfect place to bring the kids on a rainy day or on those days that it's so hot that you want to do something inside. This colourful aquarium is a lot of fun and children won't even notice that it's educational.

7 Get close to celebrities
Madame Tussaud's Wax Mu-

seum lets you get up close to their celebrity figures. You'll be amazed at their resemblance to the real thing and may even be surprised at just how tall (or short) some of them are. Selfies are encouraged!

8 Peek into the backyards of the rich
For a century, the swanky Or-

lando neighbourhood of Winter Garden was the winter home to many rich, northern industrialists. Their stately waterfront homes are still favoured by the rich and famous and ordinary folks can get a peek by taking a boat tour that passes by their properties.

9 Go to a show
The newly opened Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts is a stunning, state-of-the-art concert venue in downtown Orlando that hosts live music, Broadway musicals, theatre, comedy and much more. Check their schedule to see what's playing when you are in town.

10 Admire some Tiffany glass
The glass masterpieces of Louis Tiffany are preserved at the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art in Winter Park. It is the most important collection of this art nouveau master best known for his colourful lamps.

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London thrilled by new Bond exhibit

ON THE MOVE

Displays range from fast rides to a crocodile submarine

Loren Christie
For Metro Canada



The Brits love their Bond.

"He is very much a British cultural icon. Everybody has grown up with him: kids, parents and even grandparents," explains Rachel Stewardson, a tour guide at the London Film Museum.

On until March 2016, the museum's Bond in Motion exhibit, a collection of James Bond vehicles, has been wildly popular with locals and tourists alike. With the launch of the latest Bond flick, *Spectre*, Stewardson expects the exhibit will be extended for another year.

The most popular vehicle here is the classic Bond car, the Aston Martin. The DB5

used in *Goldeneye* is displayed prominently and a one-third scale model of the same make, used in *Skyfall*, gives visitors a glimpse into the magic of movie-making.

You quickly learn that many other Aston Martins have played a part in the Bond world: the V12 Vanquish from *Die Another Day*, the V8 from *The Living Daylights*, and even the wreckage of the DBS used in *Casino Royale*, which broke a Guinness world record for the number of flips (seven and three-quarters rotation) taken by a stunt driver during filming.

Another highlight is the Lotus Esprit S1 from the *Spy Who Loved Me*. Remember the scene where Bond and his Russian spy love interest, pursued

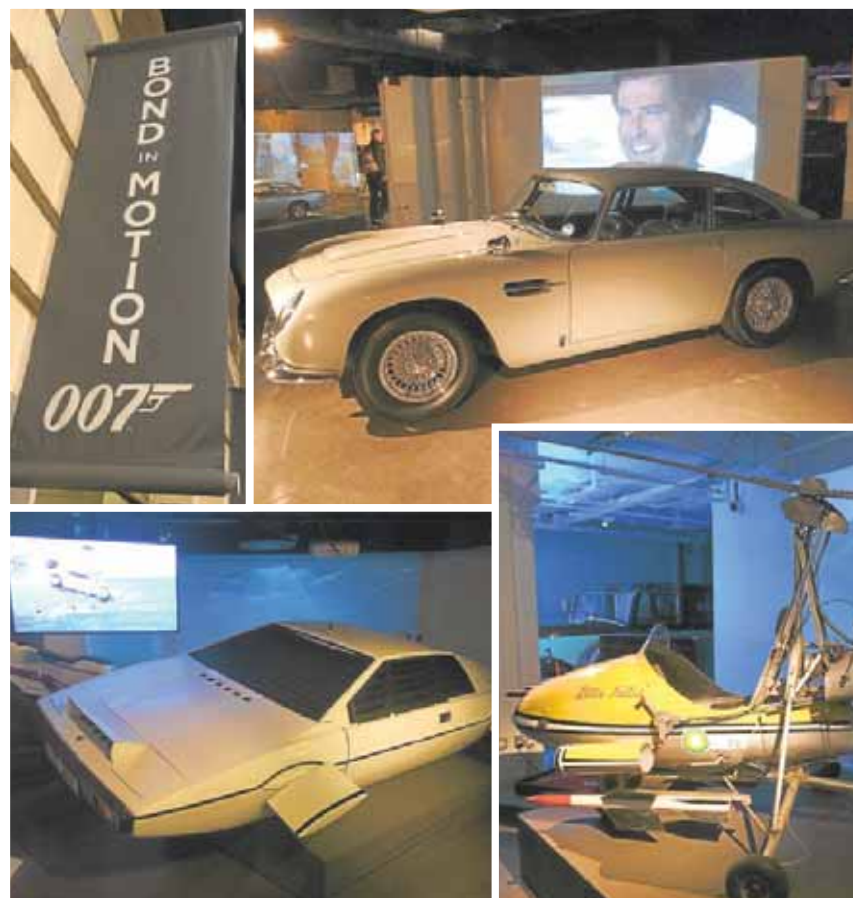
by a gun-blazing helicopter, go flying off a pier into the water? When the car transforms into a submersible laden with Q-supplied gadgets, you can't help but cheer for the suave spy.

My favourite displays are the unconventional vehicles: the cello case sled used by Bond to slide away from armed guards in *The Living Daylights*; the Little Nellie gyro mini helicopter from *You Only Live Twice*; and the crocodile submarine from *Octopussy*. Apparently the filmmakers acquired a real crocodile for the scene, which then escaped and hibernated under the set, only to reappear two weeks later.

In addition to the vehicles, there are storyboards, scripts and a smattering of the costumes and props used during more than 50 years of Bond filmmaking. Video screens placed throughout play the relevant clips from the movies.

Located half a block from Covent Garden, a stop here will leave anyone interested in movie-making shaken and stirred.

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The museum does an excellent job of immersing you into the world of Bond.



The London Film Museum's Bond in Motion exhibit runs to March 2016. LOREN CHRISTIE/FOR METRO

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Chicago feels the Force on museum

MOVIE ARTIFACTS

Council OKs George Lucas museum, but hurdles remain

The force — of Chicago's city council, at least — is with George Lucas, as aldermen voted Wednesday to allow the Star Wars filmmaker to build his \$400-million museum along the shores of Lake Michigan.

With no discussion, the council cast the widely expected vote in favour of allowing Lucas to build his 300,000-square-foot Lucas Museum of Narrative Art just south of Soldier Field, home of the Chicago Bears.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel strongly endorsed the project and Lucas's choice of Chicago instead of San Francisco as the site for his museum was considered a major coup for the mayor, who earlier this year scored another victory when President Barack Obama selected Chicago as the site of his presidential library.

But as with that library, not everybody favours handing over city parkland for Lucas to build

his museum. Non-profit group Friends of the Parks is suing in federal court to block the project and the two sides are due back in court Nov. 10.

Some questions and answers about the museum plan:

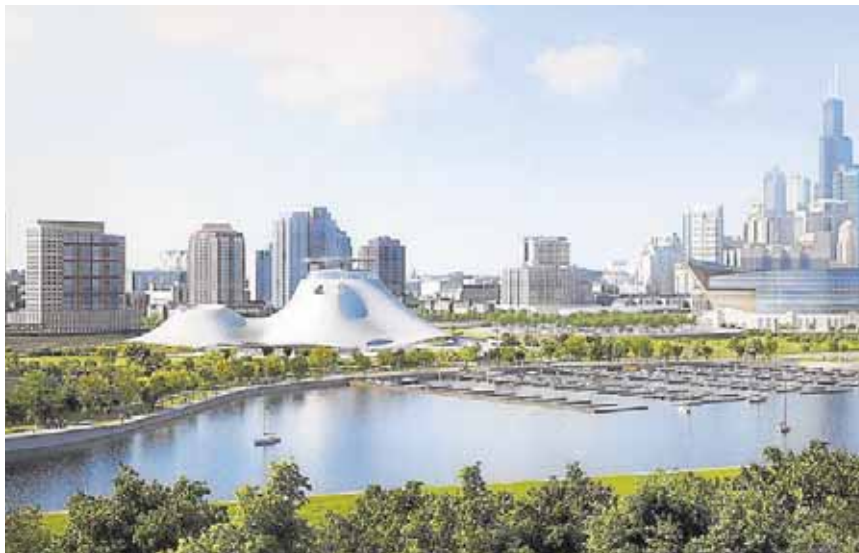
Why Chicago?

It seemed like San Francisco was a lock. After all, Lucas was born in California, Lucasfilm's visual effects division is based in the city and the headquarters of Lucasfilm and Skywalker Sound is across the Golden Gate Bridge in Marin County. But Lucas' wife, Mellody Hobson, is from Chicago. And when the two got married, they hosted a star-studded party there to celebrate after their California wedding.

Then there is Mayor Rahm Emanuel. The famously pushy mayor really wanted the museum and while San Francisco was "doodling around," as Lucas once said, Emanuel was getting the city to offer up a slice of real estate along the lake near attractions such as the Field Museum of Natural History and the Shedd Aquarium.

What will it look like?

It is no surprise that a filmmaker



Construction on the proposed Lucas Museum of Narrative Art, left, in Chicago could begin as early as next spring, with doors opening as soon as 2019, if things go according to plan.

LUCAS MUSEUM OF NARRATIVE ART VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

that introduced the world to Han Solo's Millennium Falcon and a droid named R2-D2 plans to house his collection in a futuristic building. The undulating structure will have an observation deck that resembles a

floating disc. But the revised renderings also reflect the battle with those opposed to building a private museum on the city's cherished lakefront. About 100,000 square feet have been lopped off of the original

planned 400,000-square-foot building, leaving more green space on the 17-acre site, which will include many trees, native plants and an outdoor plaza that leads up to the sloping face of the building.

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The 300,000-square-foot undulating structure would sit on a 17-acre site on the Chicago lakefront. About 100,000 square feet were trimmed from the original plan to leave more green space.

What is going to be in the museum?

It may be officially called the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art, but it will almost certainly be known as the Star Wars Museum. That means there will be plenty of artifacts and costumes from the Star Wars films, and Lucas has said there will be artifacts from the Indiana Jones movies and other films. But along with props and story boards, the museum will also include three auditoriums where visitors can watch films and attend lectures and workshops. Not only that, but the museum will showcase artwork Lucas has been collecting since college, including illustrations by Norman Rockwell and N.C. Wyeth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Lions' lineman Steward sees 'big picture' on return from injury

CFL

The 2013 first-round pick had first game of season last week



Cam Tucker
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The long road back from a recurring foot injury finally came to an end last week when B.C. Lions' offensive lineman Hunter Steward dressed for his first game of the 2015 season.

He was used in field goal duty in his return, as the Lions thoroughly defeated the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

And unless there is an injury to someone upfront or a coach's decision for a personnel change, Steward seems to have made peace with the fact he could be kept in more of a back-up role at this late juncture of the season.

Head coach Jeff Tedford didn't rule out the possibil-

ARGONAUTS

Recently-recovered QB Rayto lead Toronto

The Toronto Argonauts will turn to Ricky Ray as their starting quarterback against the B.C. Lions on Friday.

Ray, the 13-year CFL veteran, underwent off-season shoulder surgery and has taken snaps in only one game this season, against the Montreal Alouettes on Oct. 23. He completed 12 of 15 pass attempts for 107 yards.

CAM TUCKER/METRO

ity of Steward perhaps getting into the rotation at one of the positions on offensive line at some point.

"He just got back a week ago. But he's getting more practice time and looking good," said Tedford. "So we'll just see how it goes."

Only two games remain on the Lions' regular season schedule.

They're on the road to face

the Toronto Argonauts on Friday. A win, and the Leos would move closer toward clinching a West Division playoff spot.

Steward was, as of Thursday, listed on the depth chart as the back-up at right guard behind fellow Canadian offensive lineman Cody Husband.

"I think where we're at in the season ... the offensive line has been playing really well. If it's not broke, don't fix it, right?" said the 23-year-old Steward after a practice in Surrey this week.

"You can't be selfish. I mean, there's certain situations you have to be selfish but not something like this. You've got to understand the big picture."

Steward, B.C.'s first-round pick in the 2013 CFL Draft, suffered a season-ending foot injury in August of last year, then broke the same bone in the same foot during this year's training camp.

"I mean, that's sports ... to be honest. It's exemplified a little bit on the (line of scrimmage) because there's eight to 10 people within 10 yards, all fighting," said Steward. "It can be a bit of a mess in there."

"Things are going to happen in the blink of an eye, and that's the toughest thing about sports is you can't play trying to avoid an injury."



BC Lions offensive lineman Hunter Steward participates in drills during training camp in Kamloops, B.C., in June. PHOTO COURTESY OF BC LIONS



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Hunter Steward



Antti Niemi, left, of the Dallas Stars makes a save in front of Alex Burrows of the Canucks. RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

NHL

Stars too Sharp for Canucks

Jamie Benn scored midway through overtime and the Dallas Stars rallied to beat the Vancouver Canucks 4-3 on Thursday night.

Patrick Sharp twice tied the game with goals for Dallas. The Stars have won two in a row by overcoming multiple-goal deficits. Sharp's second score tied it with 4:35 left in the third period, erasing what had been a 3-1 Canucks lead. Jason Demers had scored about 5 minutes earlier.

Alexandre Burrows, Alexander Edler and Radim Vrbata scored for the Canucks.

THURSDAY in Dallas



Vancouver was held without a shot on goal for nearly 12 minutes to start the game.

Benn scored after skating out of the corner with the puck, shooting from just inside the right faceoff dot 2:28 into overtime. The Canucks scored first on Burrows' penalty shot, the

first awarded in the NHL this season. Sharp tied it with 4:05 left in the first, but Edler scored early in the second and Vrbata got his goal 10 seconds into the third to build a 3-1 lead.

Dallas' Antti Niemi made 29 saves. Vancouver's Ryan Miller had 25. Benn, the NHL scoring leader with 17 points, assisted on Sharp's second goal. The Canucks' Daniel Sedin had two assists. Stars had a 10-0 advantage in shots until Burrows skated in on Niemi and shot into the goalie's pads.

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IN BRIEF

Montreal knock out TFC

Patrice Bernier, Ignacio Piatti and Didier Drogba scored in the first half as the Montreal Impact downed Toronto FC 3-0 in the knockout round of the MLS playoffs on Thursday.

The Impact will play host to the Columbus Crew in the opening leg of a two-game, total goals Eastern Conference semifinal on Sunday. The first MLS playoff game between two Canadian sides became a one-sided dud when Montreal dominated the first half. THE CANADIAN PRESS

AA leaves everyone puzzled

BLUE JAYS

GM exits post with class but in a cloud of mystery

The same day he was named Major League Baseball's executive of the year, Alex Anthopoulos found himself trying to explain why he was facing unemployment.

In a surprising turn of events, the Toronto Blue Jays parted ways with their chief architect Thursday — less than a week after coming within one inning of forcing Game 7 in the American League Championship Series. Anthopoulos said it was his choice, with the final decision coming Wednesday afternoon.

"I just didn't feel like this was the right fit for me going forward," Anthopoulos told reporters in a conference call Thursday. "Not an easy (decision). Obviously everyone knows how I feel about the organization, the city, the country. By no means was this an easy decision but it was one that I felt

I needed to make ... I own this decision. This is on me 100 per cent," he added.

It was a classy if confusing exit. Despite repeated questions, Anthopoulos did not elaborate on why he is leaving, other than to say that he wanted to be true to himself and that the impasse was not due to a financial disagreement. But the GM's departure comes during a changeover in Jays management with Mark Shapiro, the former Cleveland Indians president, taking over from the departing Paul Beeston as president and CEO.

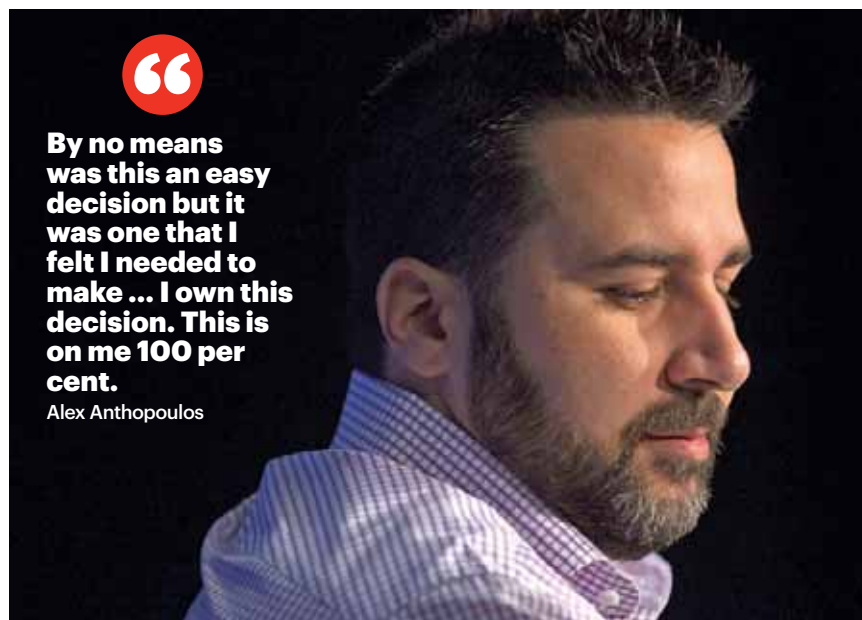
"This decision is solely mine. Mark gave me every opportunity to return. He was sincere in wanting me back ... (Team owner) Rogers and Mark were more than generous, I mean extremely generous," added the Montreal native.

Anthopoulos left more questions than answers. He said he wanted to be back and that ownership and his new boss wanted him to stay. But clearly the team's new landscape was not one he could live with.

He declined to say why it was not a good fit. But he went out

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Alex Anthopoulos



The Blue Jays went 489-483 under Alex Anthopoulos as general manager.

CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

of his way to praise Shapiro and Rogers, stressing that the baseball team is in good hands.

"I know this is not an easy

day for anybody ... I don't think any of us wanted this to happen." Anthopoulos, 38, turned down a five-year contract exten-

sion, amid speculation of a difference in vision with Shapiro, who does not officially take up his new job until Monday.

SHORTLIST

Catcher Russell Martin, pitcher Mark Buehrle and centre-fielder Kevin Pillar were named Gold Glove Award finalists on Thursday.

Unlike Beeston, Shapiro is a president immersed in the baseball side — and one who clearly has his own views on how to run a club. Shapiro and Anthopoulos don't appear to be on the same page, although Anthopoulos rejected the suggestion of a power struggle.

Anthopoulos said he did not have another job lined up, although he said his phone "exploded" Thursday once news of his pending departure broke.

Anthopoulos, then assistant general manager, took over as Toronto's GM in 2009 after J.P. Ricciardi was fired.

The Jays went 489-483 under Anthopoulos, according to Sportsnet stats, but soared into the playoffs this year after a 22-year absence.

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IN BRIEF

Marlins hire Mattingly as their new manager

Don Mattingly was hired as manager of the Miami Marlins less than a week after he parted with the Los Angeles Dodgers, two people familiar with the situation said Thursday.

Mattingly went 446-363 in five years with the Dodgers.

The injury-riddled Marlins finished 71-91, their sixth consecutive losing season.

Later Thursday, general manager Dan Jennings was fired by the Marlins, ending a 13-year association.

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Norris: Surgery to remove cancer was successful

Tigers left-hander and former Toronto Blue Jays prospect Daniel Norris says he's had successful surgery on the cancerous growth on his thyroid.

Norris said on Twitter and Instagram on Thursday that he is "Cancer Free" — he had announced last week that he was having the malignant growth removed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heat is on for Mets rookie

WORLD SERIES

N.Y. counting on Syndergaard to help cut into K.C.'s 2-0 lead

The man-child on the mound was simply getting some work in, two simulated innings to keep sharp for the World Series.

It was late afternoon at Kauffman Stadium, dimmed by dark clouds on this overcast day in Kansas City, and even his New York Mets teammates wanted no part of six-foot-six Noah Syndergaard.

David Wright bounded into the batting cage, watched a few fastballs whizz by like pellets fired from a BB gun, and stepped right back out.

"How are you supposed to hit that?" he asked buddy Michael Cuddyer.

A chuckling group of Mets marvelled at Syndergaard's sizzling cheese the day before the Series opener — but now they've placed the heat squarely on their rookie starter. With



Noah Syndergaard racked up 166 strikeouts in 150 innings during the regular season. MATT SLOCUM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the National League champs trailing 2-0 in the best-of-seven set, the 23-year-old thunderbolt aptly nicknamed Thor pitches Friday night against Royals right-hander Yordano Ventura.

And the Mets know perfectly well they can't afford to lose.

"I feel like being able to watch the past two games has really helped me out and helped me devise a game plan," Syndergaard said.

Syndergaard's fastball averaged 97.1 m.p.h. during the regular season, the highest velocity of any major leaguer who pitched at least 150 innings, according to STATS.

The 24-year-old Ventura ranked third at 96.3 m.p.h.

In the NL playoffs, Syndergaard threw 22 pitches at least 100 m.p.h. and topped out at 101, STATS said.

Ventura can touch the cen-

“He’s a very fast learner. He has no fear.”

Mets manager Terry Collins

tury mark, too.

But while Syndergaard certainly brings it, so do Mets aces Matt Harvey and Jacob deGrom. And despite their 95-98 m.p.h. fastballs, neither one was able to throttle a Royals lineup that's mastered the lost art of consistently making solid contact.

"This team likes the fastball," said ALCS MVP Alcides Escobar, the aggressive leadoff man who is batting .364 with 12 runs, eight RBIs and seven extra-base hits this post-season.

Alex Gordon hit a tying homer in the ninth inning of Game 1 on a 97 m.p.h. quick-pitch from New York closer Jeurys Familia.

"We're always ready for the fastball," Gordon explained. "Never miss a fastball and adjust to off-speed."

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NFL
Patriots squish the Fish

Even when they look sluggish, Tom Brady and the New England Patriots still dominate.

Brady threw for 356 yards and four touchdowns — two to Julian Edelman — and the Patriots beat the Miami Dolphins 36-7 on Thursday night to become the first of the NFL's five unbeaten teams to reach seven wins.

Stephen Gostkowski broke Adam Vinatieri's franchise record for consecutive field goals by connecting from 52 and 36 yards to make it 26 in a row. Rob Gronkowski had 113 yards receiving and a touchdown, and Dion Lewis had 93 yards receiving and one score.

The loss was the first for Miami (3-4) under interim coach Dan Campbell after a pair of blowout victories.

The Patriots are 7-0 for the second time in franchise history and first time since going 16-0 in 2007. They've scored at least 28 points in every game and 30 or more in six straight.

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- 1 Tbsp butter
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 1 pound frozen chopped kale
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 cups boiled diced sweet potato (about 1 large potato)
- 2 whole eggs, 2 egg whites
- 2 Tbsp milk
- 1 tspn fresh, chopped parsley

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 F.
2. In an ovenproof skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add onions and cook until soft, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and kale and cook until garlic fragrant and kale wilted.
3. Add potatoes and soften, about 3 to 5 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, whisk eggs, whites and milk. Pour egg mixture over potatoes and kale, and cook on stovetop another 3 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley.
5. Transfer skillet to oven and bake about 6 to 8 minutes or until eggs are set.

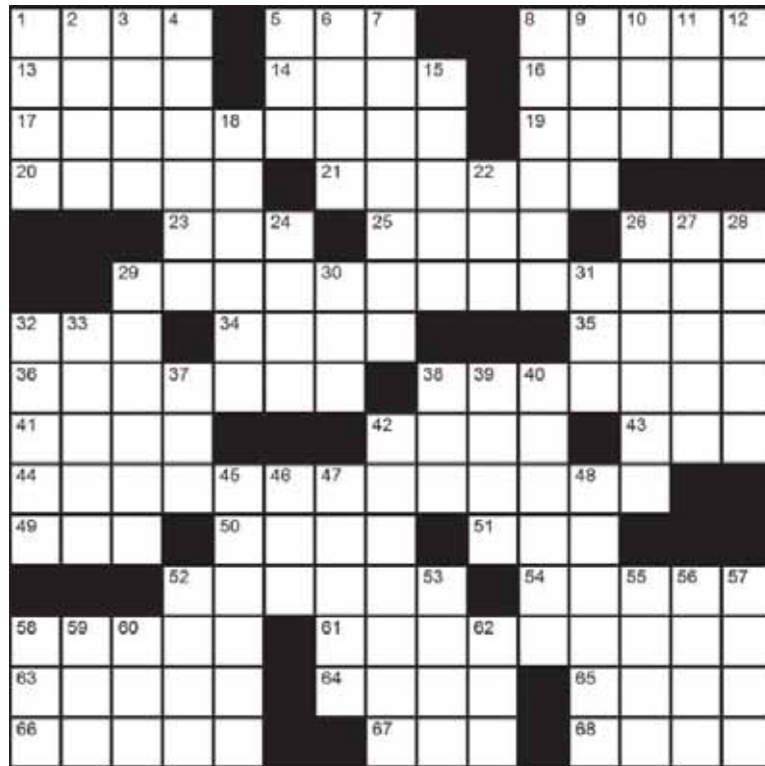
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5. Roman Numeral for 905
8. Apparition in the attic
13. Prayer sign-off
14. Pea: French
16. "I, Frankenstein" (2014) star Mr. Eckhart
17. Grave marker
19. Surnamesakes of Paul of "Halloween: The Curse of Michael Myers" (1995)
20. Peel off the paint
21. Scan the web-page
23. Vancouver-born actor Mr. Bellows of 2012 horror "House at the End of the Street"
25. Ornamental case
26. Ms. West
29. Sci-Fi horror of 1978 starring Donald Sutherland, "Invasion of the ___"
32. Swiss river, variantly
34. QED's 'E'
35. Discharge
36. Schedule
38. Shiver from fright
41. Dr. Frankenstein's pal
42. Mr. Astin of 2007 thriller "Borderland"
43. 'Baron' suffix
44. Halloween decoration creator, perhaps: 2 wds.
49. poet Mr. Cummings'
50. Hair removal brand
51. German article
52. Facade
54. Frightening/supernatural
58. Insipid
61. Witch's brew pots



DOWN

1. Crying sounds
2. "___ a traveller from an antique land..." - Percy Bysshe Shelley, Ozymandias
3. Horror movie emotion
4. Deep blue
5. Mil. rank
6. Heard in herds
7. "House on Haunted Hill" (1959) star Mr. Price
8. It repels vampires
9. Transport stuff
10. Sequence, for short
11. Lay grass

12. Heavy wts.
15. Mattress brand
18. Creepy crawler
22. "Leavel"
24. Vega constellation
26. Club's one-of-some
27. Botanical castings
28. Rob of 2011 mysterious TV movie "The Edge of the Garden"
29. Accessories with witches costumes
30. "Dead Calm" (1989) star Mr. Neill
31. Pants part
32. Smoke ___ (Emulate Sherlock Holmes)
33. Fight
37. Association, variantly [abbr.]
38. Coffee alternative
39. Scarce
40. Begrudged
42. Shrieks
45. Solemn bell sounds
46. ___ McKellen, star of 1983 frightful flick "The Keep"
47. The actress at #64-Across, to Julia
48. Power
52. Egotistical
53. Cut of beef
55. Part
56. ___ to one's neck
57. Approximations [abbr.]
58. "Phooey!"
59. Blood-typing letters
60. ___easter
62. Set down

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Aries March 21 - April 20
You will get the chance to make a breakthrough. However, you must be aware of your limits and you must not push yourself too hard. You don't have to work 24/7 to be a success.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Partners and colleagues may have the upper hand but that does not mean you are powerless. The planets suggest that if you believe in yourself you can make things happen.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You have done wrong but won't be punished for it — provided you admit your mistake. According to the planets your latest transgression is too big to ignore but still small enough to be forgiven.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Get out and about and have a good time. You will find it easy to meet new people and make new friends and, through them, to attract new opportunities. The more you socialize the more you will accomplish.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Spend money on yourself. You are entitled to enjoy what you've earned. Be the one who benefits, not those who like to sponge off you.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Don't try to get approval for what you are planning — you will make more of an impression if you just get on and do it. Strike out in a new direction — chances are you won't be travelling alone for long.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This will be a rather quiet time by your standards but that's good. You have a lot to think about. The more you reflect upon your goals now the more likely it is you will reach them.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may be willing to make sacrifices above and beyond the call of duty but you can't do it all on your own. There are lots of people who think like you and share your vision — join forces with them.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will deal well with challenges today. According to the planets you are determined to prove that you have what it takes to succeed — prove it to the world and yourself as well.

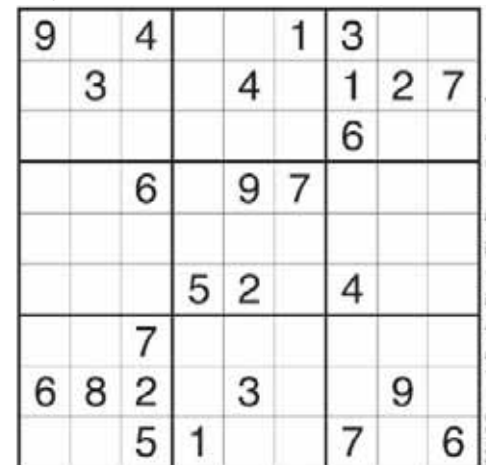
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are in no mood to let others dictate what you can and cannot think, and that's good, but remember that it works both ways: others are entitled to their opinions too.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
What you're offered may be tempting but are the likely returns worth the time and the energy you will have to put in? If the answer is in doubt it might be wise to pass up the offer.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You will be amazingly confident today, thanks to the Sun's link with your ruling planet Neptune. There is nothing you cannot accomplish if you believe in yourself. Romantically, too, this is a time for taking chances.

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